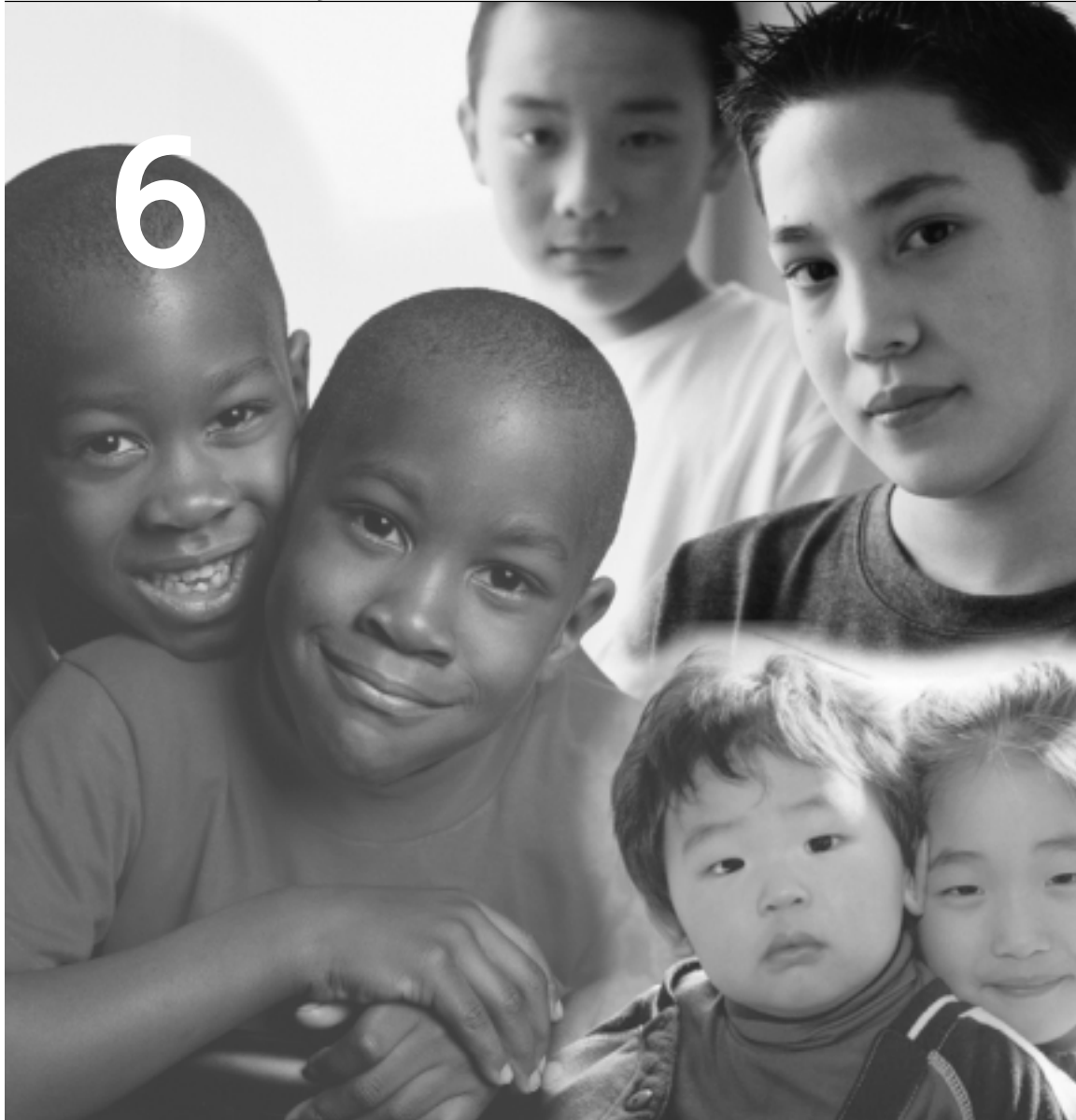


# Kinship Care

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## Outcome:

Kinship families receive increased support.

- Relative placement
- Increased access to services for kinship care

20 Relative placement  
Action Steps

Goals		Action Steps/Benchmarks		Dates of Achievement	PIP	KCF II	Braam
20.1	Increase number of relative searches.	20.1.1	Develop standardized guide for social workers on how to conduct appropriate searches for fathers and relatives. a. Establish a workgroup to review current models for relative search utilized throughout the state, and develop a standardized guide for workers b. Draft guide distributed to CA Management for review and comment c. CA Management reviews and approves recommendations d. Orient staff to guide e. Implement statewide	12/04  5/05  6/05  7/05-9/05 10/05	✓		
20.2	Increase number of relative placements.	20.2.1	Utilize Family-Team Decision Making meetings to increase relative placements and community connections	(Refer to 3.2.1)	✓		✓
		20.2.2	Develop and implement caregiver initial assessment policy to support immediate relative placements	(Refer to 8.3.2)	✓		✓
		20.2.3	Implement relative home study	(Refer to 8.3.3)	✓		✓
		20.2.4	Hire and train relative search staff to support finding potential relative resources and Family Team Decision Making Meetings by: • Completing relative/father searches • Identifying Tribal/Band affiliation • Completing caregiver initial assessment.	(Refer to 8.3.5)		✓	✓

Goals		Action Steps/Benchmarks		Dates of Achievement	PIP	KCF II	Braam
21.1	Increase access to services for kinship care and guardianship providers.	21.1.1	Develop and implement revised policy framework for kinship care			✓	✓
			a. Establish policy workgroup to:	9/04			
			• <i>Develop policy providing access to services for non-licensed kinship care providers; and</i>				
			• <i>Develop tools (e.g. ancestry chart, genogram) for Kinship care policy, including how it supports Tribal ICWA law requirements</i>				
			b. CA Management reviews and approves recommendations	1/05			
			c. Make necessary policy changes to support framework	4/05			
		d. Provide training to existing staff on policy framework and tools	5/05				
		e. Revise academy curriculum for new social workers to include kinship framework	6/05				
		f. Implement policy changes	7/05				
		21.1.2	Collaborate with community partners to develop a proposal to establish a minimum of two Kinship Care Navigator Pilot Projects (in King and Yakima counties), in order to assist kinship caregivers with understanding and navigating the system of services for children in out-of-home care			✓	
a. Collaborate with community based Kinship Oversight Committee to develop program proposal	2/05						
b. Identify community partners	5/05						
c. Navigators hired	8/05						
	d. Fully implement pilots	9/05					

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Goals		Action Steps/Benchmarks		Dates of Achievement	PIP	KCF II	Braam
			e. Complete evaluation of pilot f. CA Management reviews pilot evaluation to look at replication	9/06 10/06			
		21.1.3	Expand support for kinship care providers to include: a. Develop and implement regional resource centers to provide referrals and facilitate access to services to support post-adoption, permanent kinship families and guardianship providers b. Provide crisis and support and other immediate support through implementation of statewide RFP for foster parent support services c. Increase access to child specific services through expanded contracted services capacity ( <i>subject to budget</i> ) d. Provide access to pre-service and post-service training provided by the Resource Family Training Institute	(Refer to 9.3.1)  (Refer to 6.2.7)  (Refer to 11.1.4)  (Refer to 40.3.1)		✓	✓
		21.1.4	Expand support for guardianship providers to include: a. Develop and implement regional resource centers for post-adoption families, permanent kinship families and guardianship providers. b. Access to ongoing training through the Resource Family Training Institute	(Refer to 9.3.1)  (Refer to 40.3.1)		✓	✓
		21.1.5	Develop MOU with TANF and Aging Administrations which includes a process for identification of a TANF contact person in every TANF office for relatives seeking assistance a. Establish workgroup to draft MOU b. CA Management reviews and approves MOU c. Orient staff to MOU and agreed upon process for contact person in each TANF office d. Implement statewide	4/05 9/05 11/05  1/06	✓	✓	

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Goals		Action Steps/Benchmarks	Dates of Achievement	PIP	KCF II	Braam
		21.1.6 Explore working partnerships and opportunities to secure and increase legal assistance for parents and family members to complete parenting plans, paternity and third party custody agreements, etc. ( <i>e.g. Office of Public Defense, law schools</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Research models in other states where legal assistance is provided for this purpose</li> <li>b. Convene meeting of potential partners to review research and explore options for Washington</li> <li>c. Develop a report of options for CA Management, including financial supports needed</li> <li>d. CA Management reviews report and provides further direction</li> <li>e. Develop work plan to implement CA Management decisions</li> </ul>	6/05 9/05 12/05 1/06 3/06		✓	
		21.1.7 In collaboration with community partners, develop, seek and implement guardianship legislation to change current statute of "dependency guardianships" to dismiss dependency upon establishment of guardianship	(Refer to 8.2.2)		✓	

